

**Introduced by Senator Battin**

February 22, 2006

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An act to add Section 43013.4 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to gasoline.

**LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

SB 1416, as introduced, Battin. Air resources: gasoline supply.

Existing law requires the State Air Resources Board to ensure that regulations adopted for California Phase 3 Reformulated Gasoline (CaRFG) meet specified requirements.

This bill would request the University of California to conduct a study on, among other things, the impact of allowing gasoline that does not comply with CaRFG standards to be used in the state. The bill would require the University of California to study the impact of allowing gasoline that does not comply with CaRFG on the price of gasoline, air quality, and other environmental concerns, and to study the methods of importing and providing gasoline that do not comply with CaRFG standards.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 43013.4 is added to the Health and
- 2 Safety Code, to read:
- 3 43013.4. The Legislature requests that the University of
- 4 California conduct a study providing all of the following:
- 5 (a) An examination of the impact of allowing the use of
- 6 gasoline that does not comply with California Phase 3

1 Reformulated Gasoline Standards (CaRFG) on gasoline prices in  
2 the state.

3 (b) A review of the potential transportation methods for  
4 importing gasoline that does not comply with CaRFG into this  
5 state, and the potential environmental impacts of that  
6 transportation.

7 (c) An estimate of the length of time gasoline would likely be  
8 imported into the state pursuant to this section.

9 (d) An analysis of the impact that the use of gasoline that does  
10 not comply with CaRFG would have on air quality in the state.

11 (e) An examination of whether the use of gasoline that does  
12 not comply with CaRFG should be limited to specific geographic  
13 regions of the state, or limited to specific times of year.

14 (f) An examination of the impact that the use of gasoline that  
15 does not comply with CaRFG would have on late-model cars,  
16 specifically analyzing the harm to catalytic converters, and any  
17 resulting environmental impact.

18 (g) An analysis of potential emission offsets under existing  
19 emission reduction purchase programs, and an identification and  
20 analysis of those elements that would be necessary for the  
21 operation of a new emission reduction purchase program for  
22 mobile sources that use gasoline that does not comply with  
23 CaRFG.

24 (h) Methods of providing gasoline that does not comply with  
25 CaRFG to independent service stations in order to assist those  
26 stations in competing in the gasoline marketplace.